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Mr. Thomas T. Wilson
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Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Tom:

I received a phone call from Mrs. Manley of the Newark Eagles this morning, and she informed me that she heard that player Josh Gibson of the Homestead Grays was going back to Mexico, despite the legislation we passed at the last meeting of the Negro National League.

I haven't heard anything definite in this matter from Gum Posey, but I understand that he is contacting his Senators to find out whether it would be possible to stop the issuing of a visa or passport to Gibson, to prevent him from leaving this Country for Mexico.

In view of this situation, I'd suggest that you write all the Negro National League club owners immediately and recommend to them that they try to reach their United States Senators and block the issuing of visas and passports to those players of the Negro National League who contemplate leaving the Country. If necessary we can submit the players lists of each team for them to check with when requests are made for visas and passports.

Please let me know your reaction to this development.

Best wishes and regards.

Sincerely,

ED. GOTTLIEB